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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$650,000 for Trumbull County's Voltage Valley Young Dronepreneurs Program at Trumbull County Educational Service Center in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Trumbull County Educational Service Center, located at 6000 Youngstown Warren Road in Niles, Ohio 44446. The physical address of the project location is the same as listed above, 6000 Youngstown Warren Road in Niles, Ohio 44446.

Through engaging educators and industry professional to co-design high-quality STEM lessons for students in grades 6-12 to build fly and repair drones, the Trumbull County Educational Service Center (TCESC) have taken an upstream approach to develop entrepreneurial mindsets and skills in six teams. The proposed funding will help ascend their STEM education drone racing program into Trumbull County's Voltage Valley Young Dronepreneurs. This will engage additional teams, growing Trumbull County's Youth Drone Racing League from six to fifty middle and high schools, expand the extent of school-industry collaborations by co-creating twenty STEM lessons on drones and entrepreneurship, and assess and report on the project's impact. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because TCESC will prepare the future workforce with endless opportunities for success and advance the region's vision of a "Voltage Valley."

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan  
Member of Congress